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Applicant(s): Ream, et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the final Office Action dated October 12, 2006 and a telephone interview with the Examiner on February 22, 2006.